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Takafumi Kawasaki et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3723
Application No.: 10/540,020)	Examiner: Dung V. Nguyen
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For: MULTI-WIRE SAW)	

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Date: September 26, 2006

Sir:

This election is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2006 (Paper No. 20060822). In the Office Action, the Examiner identified four (4) distinct species. The Examiner required the Applicants, under 35 U.S.C. 121, to elect a single species for prosecution. The four species identified by the Examiner are:

Species 1	Figure 3 (readable upon claim 1);
Species 2	Figures 4 and 5 (readable upon claim 3);
Species 3	Figures 9 and 10 (readable upon claims 4 and 5); and
Species 4	Figures 13 and 14 (readable upon claims 6 and 8).

Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement, the Applicants elect Species 4, Figures 13 and 14 (readable upon claims 6 and 8). Applicants understand that claims 1 and 3-5 will be withdrawn from prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications.

An earlier examination and favorable action on claims 6 and 8 are respectfully requested.

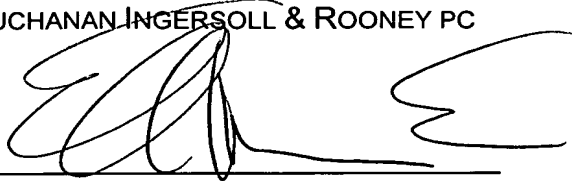
In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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